



WHEREAS service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS the current economic downturn means more Americans are facing hardships, and volunteering and national service is needed more than ever; and

WHEREAS the Senior Corps national service program allows Illinoisans 55 and older the opportunity to share their expertise and passion; and

WHEREAS each year Senior Corps, including Foster Grandparents Program, Senior Companions Program, and RSVP, places more than 17,000 volunteers in communities throughout Illinois; and

WHEREAS Senior Corps volunteers contribute over 3,569,900 hours valued at over \$81,286,623; and

WHEREAS those Senior Corps volunteers provided 820 peers the assistance needed to live independently in their own homes, tutored or mentored more than 4,900 children with special needs, and helped more than 2,500 community organizations expand their reach and impact, and;

WHEREAS, Senior Corps Week, May 7 through 11, 2012, is an opportune time for the people of Illinois to salute Senior Corps volunteers for their service; thank Senior Corps' community partners; and bring more Americans into service;

*THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 7-11, 2012 as **SENIOR CORPS WEEK** in Illinois, and urge citizens to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and to find ways to give back to their communities.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this FOURTH day of MAY, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

TWELVE, and of the State of Illinois

the one hundred and NINETY-FOURTH

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR